

## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS - AIRPORT; DPW; PARKS, RECREATION & RAILROAD & WC SEWER

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2010

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS BELDEN  
BENTLEY  
STEC  
MERLINO  
LOEB  
MCCOY  
CONOVER

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
WILLIAM LAMY, SEWER ADMINISTRATOR  
DON DEGRAW, AIRPORT MANAGER  
PAUL BUTLER, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION & RAILROAD  
FREDERICK MONROE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ATTORNEY/ADMINISTRATOR  
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR CHAMPAGNE

SUPERVISORS TAYLOR

THOMAS

VANNES

VACANT - TOWN OF THURMAN

JULIE PACYNA, PURCHASING AGENT  
RICH SCHERMERHORN, RICH AIR (*FIXED BASE OPERATOR*)  
JOANNE SMITH, TOWN OF JOHNSBURG RESIDENT  
SUE WILDER, TOWN OF HADLEY RESIDENT  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
AMANDA ALLEN, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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Mr. Belden called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 10:15 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. McCoy and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 28<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Don DeGraw, Airport Manager, who distributed copies of his agenda to the Committee members, a copy of which is also on file with the minutes.

Commencing with the agenda review, Mr. DeGraw presented a request to set a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the existing lease agreement with Schermerhorn Aviation II, Inc. which would provide Rich Air, the Airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO), with exclusive use of the second floor conference room in the Airport Terminal Building. In return for this benefit, he said that Rich Air would pay the County an additional \$200 per month.

Mr. Belden questioned whether the County would be permitted continued use of the conference room if the lease verbiage was changed and Rich Schermerhorn, of Rich Air, replied affirmatively, explaining that use of the conference room for County-specific business would be provided free of charge. Mr. Schermerhorn expounded that Rich Air had recently become a Cessna Aircraft service center and had been approached with a proposal to possibly begin Cessna sales. He noted that Rich Air currently only had enough space for two cubicles and leasing the conference space would give his organization room to expand in accordance with their growing activities. Additionally, Mr. Schermerhorn said this would provide Rich Air with increased security capabilities as they sought to eliminate unrestricted visitor access to the second story of the Terminal Building.

In response to a question posed by Mr. Belden, Mr. DeGraw advised that he was not averse to amending the lease agreement as previously noted.

Motion was made by Mr. Stec and seconded by Mr. Conover to approve the request to amend the lease agreement with Schermerhorn Aviation II, Inc. as outlined above. Upon further consideration, Mr. Stec requested that the resolution introducing the public hearing be presented at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting, with the actual public hearing to take place at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, advised that with the County Attorney's approval, this could be done.

Mr. Belden called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the lease agreement with Schermerhorn Aviation II, Inc. as previously noted and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes. (Note: subsequent to the meeting it was determined by the County Attorney that the public hearing would not be introduced until the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.)*

Mr. DeGraw advised that the next agenda item pertained to discussion on expenses associated with the Adirondack Balloon Festival event. He requested that the issue be discussed later in the meeting when Paul Dusek, County Attorney/Administrator, was in attendance to speak on the matter.

Moving on, Mr. DeGraw addressed the listing of Referral items, which he outlined as follows:

1. With respect to possibly procuring an easement on the Forest Enterprises parcel for the proposed runway extension project, Mr. DeGraw advised that further meetings on the matter had been postponed until the Spring of 2011, at which point the property owner would have more information on the requirements associated with development planned for the site. He said he would introduce this topic once again after the meeting was held; and
2. Mr. DeGraw advised this issue referred to the meeting held with the Adirondack Balloon Festival regarding event costs and would be discussed when Mr. Dusek joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued while awaiting Mr. Dusek's arrival.

Mr. Dusek entered the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

At Mr. DeGraw's request, Mr. Dusek provided a brief review of the discussion held during a recent meeting between members of the Public Works and Adirondack Balloon Festival Committees. He said it seemed that funding available to the Balloon Festival Committee was very limited as they were a not-for-profit agency that used the majority of their funding to support advertising costs, gas for balloonists and fees charged to attract specialty balloons. Mr. Dusek advised that although participating vendors were required to pay a fee to the Balloon Festival Committee, it was a relatively small amount as most were also not-for-profit agencies trying to raise money for their individual charity organizations. He cited the nature of the entire event as being non-profit based which had worked very well until recent years when the Festival had grown so large that it had become a financial burden to the County. Mr. Dusek said overtime costs associated with DPW staff assistance for parking and maintenance services for the 2011 Balloon Festival event were estimated to be approximately \$25,000; he added that this figure did not include any allowances for costs incurred by the Sheriff's Office for traffic and patrol services provided during the event.

Mr. Dusek advised that four possible options had been introduced at the meeting as a means to reduce the cost incurred by the County for the event, those being charging for parking, using occupancy tax or general fund monies to offset the costs or allow commercial vendors to participate in the event. He said each option posed problems of its own, for instance, instituting a parking fee could further exacerbate the parking delay problems already occurring, while allowing commercial vendors would change the non-profit nature of the event; he added that although altering

the nature of the event was not necessarily a negative thing, it should be noted that the change could bring with it a more commercial feel and that the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee was not agreeable to the idea.

Mr. Tennyson apprised that the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee had agreed to move the Sunday evening balloon launch to an alternate site which would decrease estimated overtime costs to \$21,000 for the event.

Mr. Belden opined that if the overtime costs were going to continue to be funded by the County, the DPW budget should be increased commensurately. Mr. Taylor noted that tourism attracted by the Balloon Festival event had a tremendous impact on the amount of occupancy and sales tax collected. He added that the amount expended by the County in overtime costs seemed insignificant when compared to the amount spent by the Tourism Department for television, radio and print ads commissioned to increase local tourism. Mr. Bentley cited there were a number of new vendors participating in the 2010 Balloon Festival event, not all of which were not-for-profit entities, and he specifically cited New Way Lunch as an example.

Mr. Stec apprised that he had served as the liaison between the Board of Supervisors and the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee for a number of years and was aware of the funding issues they faced. He said that in prior years, Walter Grishkot, Adirondack Balloon Festival Board member, had been actively successful in selling ads for the Balloon Festival program which raised considerable revenue for the event. Mr. Stec noted that in recent years the amount of advertising revenue received had decreased significantly due to Mr. Grishkot's inability to market advertising opportunities in light of health issues and the decreasing number of local businesses willing to make such investments. He stated the Balloon Festival was a legitimate event which brought considerable tourism to the area and had a large impact on the amount of occupancy and sales tax received; therefore, he said, they should work with the Balloon Festival Committee and take whatever actions were necessary to keep the event in Warren County.

Mr. Stec advised that if the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee was in favor of dedicating additional funding for the event to cover the expenses traditionally funded by the County, he would be in favor of that motion, but noted that he did not feel the alternate solution was to continue to fund these costs from the County Budget at the taxpayer's expense. He said, if necessary, the County should work with the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee to develop alternate funding solutions, such as charging for parking, to alleviate the situation. Mr. Stec also agreed they should not implement any changes that would alter the not-for-profit nature of the event as he felt there were other measures that could be taken to raise revenue.

In response to a question posed by Chairman Monroe, Mr. Stec apprised that the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee received 10% of the net income collected by participating vendors, which totaled approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 per event. He added that the total cost for the event was estimated to be \$100,000 annually. Mr. Loeb suggested increasing the percentage amount paid by each vendor and Chairman Monroe agreed with the idea, adding that the price for goods sold could be raised commensurately to compensate for increased participation fees.

Mr. Merlino opined that because the event raised a considerable amount of both occupancy and sales tax income, both should contribute to the associated costs. He cautioned that the distribution of occupancy tax funding should be carefully considered as a large part was used to fund the operations of the Tourism Department and he did not feel it was appropriate to transfer funding from that source as it would reduce the amount available for promotional efforts. As another means for possible revenue generation, Mr. Merlino noted that donation barrels could be placed throughout the Airport grounds during the Balloon Festival event to encourage visitor contributions. With respect to the idea of charging for parking, he said that opening the gates an hour earlier and allowing parking attendants to collect parking fees and distribute tickets for parking to patrons while they were waiting to enter might be a solution as this could raise revenues without causing further parking delay issues.

Following further discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that, as per a suggestion made by Mr. Belden, a letter be forwarded to the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee noting that the overtime costs for the 2011 Balloon Festival Event had been estimated at \$21,000 and requesting that this cost be split evenly between the County and the Balloon Festival Committee. In addition, it was noted that the letter should indicate the Committee's desire to place contributions barrels throughout the Airport property during the Balloon Festival in order to encourage visitor contributions.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried by majority vote to refer the issue to the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee and request that \$10,500 in occupancy tax funding be appropriated to cover the County's share of the estimated event costs, with Mr. McCoy voting in opposition.

As there was no further Airport business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent of Public Works, who distributed copies of the DPW agenda to the Committee members. A copy of the agenda is also on file with the minutes.

Mr. Tennyson announced that the first agenda item pertained to a request from a local artist proposing the installation of a tile mosaic on a County-owned retaining wall on County Road #77, Main Street, in the Hamlet of North Creek. He said the adjacent property owners, as well as the Johnsburg Town Board, were in support of the project and that letters stating such were included in the agenda. Mr. Tennyson noted the artist in charge of the project required authorization from the County to submit an application for occupancy tax funding from the Town of Johnsburg and he suggested that the Committee provide conceptual approval, allowing for final access permits and long-term maintenance considerations to be further determined by the Superintendent and County Attorney at a later date.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb and seconded by Mr. McCoy to approve the previously mentioned request.

Mr. Belden questioned whether the County would have any liability exposure during the course of the project as it was occurring on County-owned property and Mr. Dusek replied affirmatively, but noted that it would seem the liability exposure would be minimal due to the nature of the project. Mr. Tennyson said a permit would have to be issued and the sidewalk likely closed through the course of the project to limit pedestrian traffic in that area. Additionally, he noted that the agreement with the artist would include verbiage indicating that the County was not responsible for maintenance of the artistry being installed, nor would they be responsible for replacing any portion if reparative construction on the retaining wall structure became necessary.

Mr. Belden called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to authorize conceptual approval of the installation of an artistic mosaic on a County-owned retaining wall located in the Hamlet of North Creek and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on, Mr. Tennyson directed the Committee members to agenda page 12 which reflected a request to authorize a blanket resolution allowing the Superintendent of Public Works to approve the transfer of highway materials to Towns in exchange for actual cost reimbursement or like replacement. He noted that in prior meetings the Committee had verbally authorized the transfer of materials in this manner; however, he added, upon review by the County Attorney's Office, it had been determined there was no authority for the Superintendent to make such transfer by virtue of the Committee minute records alone. Therefore, Mr. Tennyson said, a resolution was necessary authorize such transfers in the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to approve the aforementioned request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Tennyson proceeded to review the Items of Interest section of the agenda, which he outlined as follows:

- Award of Heating Oil Bid - Mr. Tennyson advised that included on agenda page 13 was a copy of the bid tabulation sheet reflecting the bids received for heating oil. He noted that the contract for #2 Fuel Oil had been awarded to Main Brothers Oil Co., Inc., while both the 50/50 Mix and Kerosene contracts had been awarded to G.A. Bove & Sons, Inc.
- 2011 Road Projects - A copy of the revised Paving and Construction Schedule for 2011 in its draft form was shown on agenda page 14, Mr. Tennyson announced. He stated that the Schedule continued to be reviewed and revised in order to gain the best possible value for necessary paving while using only CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Project) funding, which required no County contribution. Mr. Tennyson said they were close to finalizing the document and would pass the completed version on to the Treasurer and Budget Officer as soon as possible for inclusion in the 2011 Budget.
- Ongoing Federal Aid Bridge Projects - Mr. Tennyson circulated photos of the Milton Street, Alder Brook and Tannery Road Bridges, all of which were Federally funded projects nearing completion; *copies of the photos are on file with the minutes.* He added that at the next Committee meeting, he hoped to distribute images of the completed projects.
- Temporary Bridge - While circulating photos of the temporary bridge designed and constructed by DPW staff which was being used in connection with the Chatiemac Road Bridge Project, Mr. Tennyson directed the Committee members to agenda page 15 which included a cost summary for the production of the temporary bridge, versus estimated rental costs for a temporary bridge structure. He noted that the total cost for construction of the temporary bridge was \$21,375 as opposed to the \$48,800 charge that would have been assessed for a rental unit. Mr. Tennyson stated not only had they saved County dollars by building the temporary structure, rather than renting, they would also save an estimated \$30,000 to \$50,000 for each use in connection with future projects. With respect to the Chatiemac Bridge Project, Mr. Tennyson advised the old bridge was scheduled to be demolished later that week, weather permitting, with the construction of the new bridge to begin thereafter. He noted that if it became necessary, they may have to delay completion of the Project until spring, depending on the severity of the winter season.

Mr. Dusek commended Mr. Tennyson and his staff for their efforts in developing plans and construction the temporary bridge on an in-house basis, which was exemplary. Mr. Belden echoed these comments, extending his own compliments and noting this project was especially valuable since it could be reused on numerous projects, saving the County a considerable amount of money.

Concluding the agenda review, Mr. Tennyson addressed the listing of referral items which he outlined as follows:

- 1) Respective to the possibility of the Soil & Water Conservation District absorbing the duties associated with the Stormwater Officer position, Mr. Tennyson advised he had met with George Van Dusen, Project Engineer, and Dave Wick, Soil & Water Conservation District Manager, to further discuss the matter. He said he had been given a breakdown of requirements for the County, as well as information on how this position would impact multiple Departments. Mr. Tennyson noted that it appeared the Town of Queensbury and the City of Glens Falls were in the process of developing an independent solution for these issues; therefore, he added, Soil & Water would be providing services for the County only. He said he had yet to receive a monetary figure from Mr. Wick representing the additional staffing costs for these services, but would apprise the Committee when further information was received. Mr. Thomas, speaking

as Chairman of the Committee overseeing the Soil & Water Conservation District, indicated that \$5,000 to \$8,000 would be required to start the process. Mr. Tennyson noted that public education and outreach programs would have to be expanded if these duties were absorbed by Mr. Wick and his staff.

Mr. Tennyson then requested an executive session to discuss matters relating to discipline or suspension of a particular person.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to enter into executive session, pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was held from 11:21 a.m. to 11:32 a.m.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Belden announced that no action was necessary pursuant to executive session.

There being no further DPW business to address, privilege of the floor was extended to Paul Butler, Director of Parks, Recreation & Railroad, who distributed copies of his meeting agenda to the Committee members. *A copy of the agenda is also on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Butler began by reviewing the Warren County Fish Hatchery salmon stocking figures which were included on the agenda. He explained the stocking program, which began in 2001, accepted small salmon from NYSDEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) in June of each year and maintained them until the following October, at which time they were released into Lake George. Mr. Butler noted the average length of the salmon received in June of 2010 was 7.30", while the average length upon release was 9.58". He said the point of the project was to grow larger fish for stocking in order to increase the salmon fishery in Lake George. Mr. Butler concluded that this was considered a successful joint venture between NYSDEC and the Fish Hatchery.

Mr. Belden questioned whether the stocking program was included in the 2011 NYSDEC proposed budget and Mr. Butler replied that he was unsure, but noted that the Fish Hatchery incurred very minimal costs for feeding and maintaining the salmon for the four-month period they participated in the program each year. Mr. Butler clarified that the salmon were donated to the Fish Hatchery by NYSDEC and that the Hatchery fed and maintained the fish for the duration of the project, in return for which NYSDEC provided certain review and testing procedures necessary to the Hatchery operation. He advised the Hatchery was involved in this process strictly between the months of June and October as they had other independent projects to address which were important to the various stocking programs facilitated.

Continuing to Agenda Item 2, Mr. Butler announced that the estimated revenues included in the 2010 Budget for Up Yonda Farm had been met and exceeded by \$380. He added that they expected to receive additional revenues of \$2,380 by the end of the year, for a total of \$35,760.

In response to Mr. Belden's questioning regarding the proposed deficit for the 2011 Up Yonda Budget, Mr. Dusek apprised that although they had initially anticipated a \$25,000 shortfall, new developments indicated this would not be the case. He explained the Town of Bolton was in the process of making a \$20,000 donation to the facility for 2011, leaving a \$5,000 shortfall which would be covered by increased revenues received for 2010 and unexpended funds from the donation received from the Town of Bolton for 2010.

Concluding the agenda review, Mr. Butler addressed the listing of referral items, which were reviewed as follows:

1. Concerning the proposed Stony Creek Platform, Mr. Tennyson advised although it had been reported at

the October 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting that the project would be discontinued due to the inability to meet grant deadlines, it now seemed that the required easement would be provided and that the NYSDOS (New York State Department of State) was willing to extend the grant deadline to allow the project to continue. He said he had recently spoken with Jack Arehart, owner of the 1,000 Acres Ranch Resort, who indicated he would provide the easement necessary to provide access to the platform site as required by NYSDOS. Mr. Tennyson noted that the second part of the easement pertained to use of a portion of the 1,000 Acres parking lot for visitor parking, which he and Mr. Arehart had discussed with the consensus being that Mr. Arehart would be agreeable if this portion of the easement included a clause making it revokable by himself or any future owner of the Resort. He said that if at any point the parking rights were revoked, parking lots could be constructed on the County right-of-way, although it would incur additional cost and effort by County staff. As for the associated grant funds, Mr. Tennyson apprised that the NYSDOS was willing to extend the grant agreement into the spring of 2011, once they had reviewed and approved the executed easement documents. He said they were now past the point of starting construction on the platform as the winter months were nearing, and would begin construction when the weather was conducive, assuming that an executed grant agreement was received and the NYSDOS grant opportunity was extended. Mr. Dusek advised he would begin work on the revised easement agreement in order to forward it on to the property owner as quickly as possible; he added that once the signed agreement was received, it would immediately be forwarded to the NYSDOS for their review and approval.

2. Mr. Butler advised the bid opening for the 2011 Railroad Operator Contract was scheduled to be held on the following day at 3:00 p.m. Julie Pacyna, Purchasing Agent, interjected that two bids had already been received and another was expected to be hand delivered prior to the bid opening; she added that additional bids could be received, as well. Mr. Dusek suggested that immediately following the bid opening, all information on the bids received be forwarded to the members of the Board of Supervisors and the Town of Corinth for their review, with a meeting to be scheduled shortly thereafter to discuss the submissions. Mr. Butler responded that he would forward the information as requested as quickly as possible.
3. Respective to the possible sale of the Warren County Fairgrounds property, Mr. Dusek reminded the Committee that special legislation had been sought earlier in the year to allow for the sale of the property; however, he noted, they had been unsuccessful. He said although their initial plan had been to request special legislation once again in 2011, they had subsequently decided to attempt to find a way around the requirement. Mr. Dusek advised that in researching the matter further, he had found that there was no specific parkland designation applied when the property was deeded to the County, nor any mention of such intended use. He stated the issue was now a question of fact and said the matter would have go to a court where a judge or jury would review the matter before making a decision as to whether or not it should be classified as parkland property. Although he was not able to provide a definitive answer in either direction, Mr. Dusek noted that some of the research performed had led to discussions held at a prior Committee meeting in which Pat Beland, former Director of Parks, Recreation & Railroad, had questioned whether the Fairgrounds property should continue to be secured with public use being allotted according to facility use permits only, or if it should be left open for residents to use at their leisure. He further noted that following this conversation, it was the consensus of the Committee that the property should be left open for the residents to use in the same manner as the Fish Hatchery property which was open to public use, thereby officially recognizing the property as a public park facility. Mr. Dusek said that if this information was made available to said judge or jury, it could be very persuasive in leading them to vote in favor of confirming the parkland designation. He concluded that at this point it seemed the County's only recourse would be to seek out special legislation in 2011 which would allow the sale of the property regardless of a parkland designation.

Mr. Conover questioned the status of the bid previously received for purchase of the property and Mr. Dusek responded that the bidder was still interested in the property and he felt the bidder would not be deterred by having to wait for special legislation to be obtained. He advised that at this point, the Committee had three options to choose from which were to retain the bid received for purchase of the Fairgrounds property until special legislation could be obtained; reject all bids received, secure special legislation and re-bid the property for sale at a future date or reject all bids and retain the property.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that they should retain the bid for purchase of the property until special legislation could be obtained, allowing for sale of the Fairgrounds property.

4. With respect to the possibility of additional NYSDOT (New York State Department of Transportation) funding being available for the Railroad Project, Mr. Tennyson apprised that the funding was not available and the information received was erroneous.

As all of the referral items had been addressed and resolved, Mr. Tennyson asked that they be removed from the Referral List.

Messrs. Merlino and Stec left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

As there was no further Parks, Recreation & Railroad business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to William Lamy, Sewer Administrator, who distributed copies of his agenda to the Committee members. A copy of the agenda is also on file with the minutes.

Mr. Lamy announced that the first agenda item consisted of a request to transfer ownership of the improvements completed by the County under EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Agreement XP992256-01-2 to the Town of Hague Sewer District No. 2 including easements filed with the Warren County Clerk's Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to approve the above referenced request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

The next agenda item, Mr. Lamy advised, included a request to authorize an inter-Municipal agreement with the Town of Bolton for improvements completed by the County under EPA Agreement XP992256-01-2. He noted that this resolution was necessary to compensate for agreements that were not updated throughout the project.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Loeb and carried unanimously to approve the request for an inter-Municipal agreement as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing, Mr. Lamy presented a request to transfer ownership of the improvements completed by the County under EPA Agreement XP992256-01-2 to the Town of Bolton Sewer District No. 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Loeb and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy concluded the agenda review by addressing the listing of referral items which he outlined as follows:



1. With respect to previous Committee direction for Mr. Lamy to confer with the County Attorney's Office in an effort to determine whether there was a means available to recover funds expended for additional construction inspection services in connection with the Hague Sewer Project as a result of delays in the directional drilling process, Mr. Lamy advised that the Project was now complete, with all associated invoices paid and reimbursements received. He added that since the point was moot, the item should be removed from the Referral List; and
2. Mr. Lamy noted that he had updated the Committee relative to the amount of grant funding remaining in the Bolton Sewer Project at their last meeting and would continue to do so at future intervals as the Project proceeded. He advised that the contract for slip-lining services had been awarded to Green Mountain Pipe and as soon as all agreements were signed, reviewed and approved, the slip lining work would begin. Mr. Lamy noted that it seemed Green Mountain Pipe was not concerned the winter weather would affect their work schedule, but it remained to be seen if they would be affected and the project delayed. He apprised he had received an inquiry from the Village of Lake George seeking financial assistance for slip-lining work required for their sewer system if there were any leftover grant funds in the Bolton Sewer Project. Mr. Lamy said he had advised that he was unsure if there would be any remaining grant funds as the Town of Bolton Sewer Project could be expanded to utilize any unexpended funds. Mr. Conover agreed with Mr. Lamy's statements, adding that if there were any grant funds remaining after the current project schedule was completed, there were additional sewer lines within the Town of Bolton that also required slip-lining which would consume any grant funds remaining.

Discussion ensued.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. McCoy, Mr. Belden adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Allen, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist